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amount of opium and several ampules containing another drug were found in Lieutenant Shimon's desk in the DA's office when police searched it last month. The narcotics were similar to drugs stolen by Henry Raymond "Big Boy" Milton, killed by police a year ago when they ambushed him in a K Street drug store. Chief Barrett indicated in the investigation of Lieutenant Shimon, taken out of the DA's office and transferred to the 14th Precinct "sticks" last month is now complete. He said he did not know what charges if any would result from the probe, but indicated that the case might involve negligence in turning over evidence.

"He made no comment on reports wire-tapping might be involved in the Shimon probe, but said he turned over a long report to U.S. Attorney George Morris Fay, Lieutenant Shimon's boss for the past ten years.

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ASAC W. B. WRIGHT, of the Savannah Division, at approximately 3:30 P.M., today, telephonically advised SAC HOTTEL that [REDACTED] had been contacted at [REDACTED] and he said that SHIMON was assigned to the U. S. Attorney's Office by [REDACTED] the late HARVEY G. CALLAHAN. He further advised that he, [REDACTED] had never received any request for anyone to work on the HUGHES case. [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] According to ASAC WRIGHT, [REDACTED] said he never heard of any wiretapping or anything until he read it in the newspapers. [REDACTED] b7D

Continued efforts to locate subject SHIMON have met with negative results but he will be interviewed as soon as it is possible to locate him. It should be noted he is to report at No. 2 Precinct at midnight tonight.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: [REDACTED]  
FROM: [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 27, 1950

GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON  
WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MISCELLANEOUS

Reagylet June 26, 1950.

Subject was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at #2 Precinct on the night of June 26 and the morning of June 27, 1950. Lieutenant SHIMON advised that due to the fact that he was Acting Officer in Charge at the #2 Precinct it would not be possible for him to come to the Washington Field Office to be interviewed, and due to the expedite nature of this investigation it was deemed advisable to interview him at that time at the #2 Precinct.

The purpose of the interview was explained to SHIMON and he was requested to furnish full information in his possession relative to the alleged investigating by him regarding HOWARD HUGHES and his party during 1947 while they were in Washington, D.C. SHIMON appeared very cooperative and furnished the following story:

Subject stated that someone in authority whom he could not remember instructed him to contact Senator OWEN BREWSTER. Lieutenant SHIMON stated that he believed that it was either Mr. PAY, the United States Attorney, or possibly one of the District of Columbia Commissioners, in all probability RUSSELL YOUNG. SHIMON was thoroughly questioned relative to this phase of the investigation and he was very indefinite and vague; however, always stated that he was sure he had official sanction for his work.

SHIMON stated he contacted Senator BREWSTER who pointed out a "little old man" who had reportedly been following Senator BREWSTER, and Senator BREWSTER instructed SHIMON to find out the identity of this individual. The identity of this man and his activity concerning Senator BREWSTER was the alleged purpose of SHIMON's investigation at that time. SHIMON stated that this was the only reason for his activities at that time. SHIMON stated that he recognized the individual who had been following Senator BREWSTER as an associate of one CHICK LAPPIN, who, according to SHIMON, is a well-known "con man" in Washington, D.C. SHIMON continued that LAPPIN has been mixed up in shady deals around the District of Columbia for many years, and to the best of his recollection was involved in some deal with GASTON MEANS at the time that MEANS swindled Mrs. EVELYN WALSH.

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to Director

Upon further questioning, SHIMON advised that he could not recall the name of LAPPIN's associate; however, knew it well and would advise the interviewing Agents when his recollection became more clear regarding the man. It was further reported by SHIMON that the unknown man went to the Mayflower Hotel while under surveillance, and as an investigative technique SHIMON installed a telephone tap on individuals connected with HOWARD HUGHES, as in SHIMON's words, "LAPPIN was trying to cut in on the HUGHES crowd" and it was very apparent from a physical surveillance conducted by SHIMON that LAPPIN and the unknown man were contacting members of the HUGHES entourage.

SHIMON stated that because of the activities of LAPPIN and his associate, it was necessary for him to use the policemen assigned to his office, and as these men were reportedly new with regard to monitoring a wire, SHIMON instructed them to take down everything they heard as he did not have a recording machine, and he did not trust them to sift out the pertinent material that would link LAPPIN and his associate with the purported BREWSTER surveillance. SHIMON emphatically stated that he told his men to be particularly alert for any investigation regarding "CHICK", and as a matter of fact showed them a photograph of LAPPIN and his associate.

Lieutenant SHIMON stated that he used the telephone tap only two or three hours a day, and that he actually conducted the physical surveillance on LAPPIN which many times reportedly went to Capitol Hill.

Lieutenant SHIMON stated that he does all of his own "wire work" and has been doing wire tapping for the Police Department for approximately fifteen years in an official capacity. SHIMON categorically denied receiving any money other than expenses for this assignment, and advised that he had spent a sum of money for expenses, and that his expense account was submitted by him to a woman in Senator BREWSTER's office. He believes that this woman was at that time Senator BREWSTER's secretary, and to the best of his recollection her name was Miss or Mrs. DUKIN (phonetic). SHIMON continued that he received payment for his expenses from Senator BREWSTER's office, but that as a matter of fact Senator BREWSTER was out of town when he advised Miss or Mrs. DUKIN that he was discontinuing the investigation as he considered the same "paid". Lieutenant SHIMON stated that he did not believe Senator BREWSTER would remember him as a particular assignment as Senator BREWSTER was extremely busy and he pointed out the man he wanted SHIMON to investigate, and that he has not seen Senator BREWSTER since that initial contact which conversation lasting only approximately five minutes.

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to Director

When questioned relative to the planting of a microphone in an air duct in the Mayflower Hotel, which information had previously been furnished by [REDACTED] SHIMON considered such an accusation as a joke. He advised that he had never planted any microphone in an air duct in the Mayflower Hotel, nor had he used a microphone on this job. He stated that the setup of the job was such that a microphone was not necessary, and that the idea of any microphone picking up conversations at 700 feet was ridiculous. He commented that he had had several people call him attempting to get such a microphone that would pick up conversations at 700 feet. With further regard to the Mayflower Hotel, SHIMON stated that he definitely knows through experience and observation that particularly during the war practically every wire in the Mayflower Hotel had been tapped, and in fact taps had been used so often that the wiring system of the Mayflower Hotel was in a very "fouled-up shape". SHIMON continued that apparently the Army and Navy Intelligence units and other police agencies frequently used taps at the Mayflower Hotel. However, he stated that he knew that the FBI did not do this.

Interviewing Agents made no comment on this statement, of course, and SHIMON did not volunteer any further information.

When questioned relative to the letter of commendation in his file dated September [REDACTED] from Senator STILES BRIDGES, SHIMON stated that that letter had

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absolutely nothing to do with the instant wire tap and it was merely coincidental that he received the letter around the time of the BROWN investigation. He would not elaborate on the reason for the BRIDGES letter of commendation.

SHIMON was specifically questioned as to whether or not BREWSTER knew that he, SHIMON, was using a wire tap to gain information concerning the men who allegedly were tailing BREWSTER, and SHIMON definitely stated that BREWSTER knew nothing of the wire tap, and that he, SHIMON, in fact was not in the habit of telling anybody how he gained information.

Lieutenant SHIMON emphatically stated that HENRY GRUNEWALD whom he referred to as "the Dutchman" knew nothing of his activities tap Senator BREWSTER, and SHIMON passed off the reference to GRUNEWALD and BREWSTER as quite a joke. SHIMON was questioned extensively relative to the possible implication of GRUNEWALD in the HOWARD HUGHES matter, and he definitely denied that GRUNEWALD either contacted him relative to this matter or that he had discussed it in any manner with GRUNEWALD.

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[REDACTED] SHIMON was advised by interviewing Agents that the Bureau was not interested in this or other phases of his trouble with the Police Department with the exception of the HOWARD BUCKER investigation.

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When questioned relative to the registration at the Mayflower, SHIMON readily admitted registering under the name of DIAMOND, stating that on such an assignment he would certainly not use his own name which could be checked by the people whom he was investigating, namely, LAPPIN and the up-  
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known man previously mentioned who reportedly knew SHIMON.

Lieutenant SHIMON stated that he would not furnish any of this information in a signed statement and that he is represented by Attorney WILLIAM POWERS MALONEY, whose identity is well known to the Bureau.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: June 21, 1950

FROM : Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON  
WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
MISCELLANEOUS

Investigation by the Washington Field Office has established that Lieutenant Shimon was engaged in wire tapping activities in 1947. Officers of the Washington Police Department who were assigned to work under Shimon in 1947 have stated that he had telephone taps in both the Carlton and Mayflower Hotels. They had advised that it was their impression that these taps were made in connection with the Senate inquiry concerning the war contract activities of Howard Hughes. They have also indicated that Henry Grunewald may have arranged for Shimon's services on behalf of Senator Styles Bridges.

██████████ stated that Shimon had advised him in the past that he had engaged in wire tapping. ██████████ 70%  
that Shimon had told him that he was checking on Howard Hughes at the Carlton and Mayflower Hotels in the middle of 1947. He concluded from conversations with Shimon that Shimon was working for some Senate Investigating Committee. ██████████ it was his opinion that Henry Grunewald was a contact man between Shimon and Senator Bridges. However, he furnished no specific information upon which he based this conclusion.

██████████ of the Washington Police Department, and U. S. Attorney ██████████ have advised that they did not instruct Shimon to conduct investigation regarding Howard Hughes. ██████████ 170/b

██████████ advised that Shimon was assigned to the U. S. Attorney's Office by ██████████ the late Harvey G. Callahan. ██████████ said that he had never received a request for anyone to work on the Hughes Case and that he knew nothing of Shimon's alleged wire tapping until he had read about it in the newspapers.

Lieutenant Shimon, when interviewed concerning the Howard Hughes matter, advised that he received instructions from someone in authority, whom he could not remember, to contact Senator Owen Brewster. According to Shimon, he contacted Senator Brewster who had pointed out to him a "little old man" who had supposedly been following Senator Brewster. He said that the Senator had instructed him to ascertain the identity of this individual and that this was the purpose of the investigation he made in 1947.

Shimon claimed that he recognized the individual pointed out by Senator Brewster as an associate of one Chick Lappin, who he described as a well-known "con man" in Washington, D. C. Shimon alleged that he surveilled this individual at the Mayflower Hotel and that as an investigative technique he installed telephone taps on individuals connected with Howard Hughes, as previously stated.

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lance conducted by him had disclosed that Lappin and this person were contacting members of the Hughes entourage and "Lappin was trying to cut in on the Hughes crowd." Shimon claimed that because of these activities of Lappin and his associate it was necessary to use the police officers who had been assigned to him in monitoring this tap. He denied that Senator Brewster knew anything about this telephone tap and said that he had not seen the Senator since his original contact with him and had later advised Brewster's secretary that he was discontinuing the investigation as he considered it to be "petty." Shimon stated that he had received expenses but denied that he had received any other money for this assignment.

*Who did he say paid these expenses? #*

When questioned concerning the possible implication of Henry Grunewald in the Howard Hughes case, Shimon alleged that Grunewald had never contacted him relative to the matter and that he had never discussed the matter with Grunewald. He alleged also that Grunewald knew nothing about his activities for Senator Brewster.

Shimon was questioned concerning the letter of commendation of September 29, 1947 from Senator Styles Bridges which appears in his file at the Washington Police Department, and he stated that it had absolutely nothing to do with the telephone tap at the Mayflower Hotel. He claimed that he had done "millions of favors for Senator Bridges" and that it was merely coincidental that the letter of commendation had been received around the time of the Hughes investigation.

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Memorandum to Mr. Ladd

ACTION:

The investigation of this case has been completed with the exception of interviewing [redacted]. Efforts to locate [redacted] have indicated that he may be attempting to avoid an interview. Every effort will be directed to locating and interviewing him at the earliest possible moment. The Washington Field Office is preparing today a report reflecting the results of this investigation and as soon as this is received, a copy will be furnished to the Department. b7c

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of Shimon's admitted wire tapping activities and his obvious failure to furnish accurate and complete details of these activities, it is suggested that the Department may desire to have him brought before a Grand Jury for questioning. If the Director approves, this possibility will be mentioned to the Department at the time that the report of investigation is transmitted.

Yes I get report to D. A. P. promptly. would not delay because of [redacted] investigation.

must take info for [redacted] b7c

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **WASHINGTON, D.C.**

FILE NO. **62-6362**

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TITLE <b>LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, was., Joseph Shimonsky, Joseph Shimon Matzansak WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:** Subject is a Lieutenant with the Washington Police Department, and was assigned to the United States Attorney's Office by the Police Department as an investigator. A complaint was made to the Police Department by [REDACTED] that subject had violated police regulations in addition to installing telephone taps on telephones used by employees of HOWARD HUGHES, head of Trans World Airline, during a Senate investigation of HOWARD HUGHES in the summer of 1947. The Washington Police Department conducted an investigation into this matter and made a report to the Department of Justice. Subject transferred from U. S. Attorney's Office to outlying precinct at the conclusion of police investigation. Subject and officers assigned to him interviewed and all admit telephone tap installed at Mayflower Hotel the latter part of July 1947, and early part of August 1947. Telephone tap monitored by police officers at instructions of subject, and telephones were reportedly used by THOMAS SLACK and Mr. DIETRICH, employees of HOWARD HUGHES. Subject states this telephone tap installed on his own initiative in an effort to ascertain activities of CHICK LAPPIN, described by SHIMON as a well-known con man in D.C., and an associate who were reportedly surveilling Senator BREWSTER. Subject states that someone in authority instructed him to contact Senator BREWSTER, which he did and that Senator BREWSTER pointed out an individual who SHIMON knows to be an associate of LAPPIN, who had been surveilling the Senator and requested subject to determine the identity and activities of this individual. The subject's surveillance of this individual, whose identity he cannot recall, led to the Mayflower Hotel where LAPPIN

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and this man were reportedly making efforts to contact Mr. SLACK and Mr. EITRICH. Subject states that he installed a telephone tap to get leads. Subject states Senator BREWSTER's secretary gave him expense money after assignment completed, and that he did not receive any other compensation.

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DETAILS:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] and the reporting agent.

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It was alleged by Columnist DREW PEARSON in his column "The Washington Merry-Go-Round", June 14 and 16, 1950, that subject, while employed as a Lieutenant with the Washington Police Department, installed a wire tap on the telephone of HOWARD HUGHES, head of Trans World Airline, when HUGHES was summoned to Washington for a Senate hearing, during the summer of 1947.

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was unable to furnish any information as to SHIMON's activities regarding HOWARD HUGHES or any of his employees and could furnish no information relative to any alleged wire tapping activities of SHIMON.

[REDACTED] on June 26, 1950, he was interviewed by Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at which time he stated that he recalled SHIMON talking to him in 1947, relative to his, SHIMON's, work for "somebody on the Hill". At this time [REDACTED] advised SHIMON furnished no details relative to his work and that he [REDACTED] told SHIMON that he wanted to know nothing of his work. [REDACTED] stated that at that time it was a Republican Congress and that he, being a Democrat, might be put in an embarrassing position if any leaks developed relative to SHIMON's work. [REDACTED] further stated that he had absolutely no idea of SHIMON's assignment and in no way at all directed him to participate in such an assignment. [REDACTED] advised that he had no control over SHIMON; that SHIMON at all times was under the direct supervision of the Metropolitan Police Department, attended the Police Department roll call and although he was assigned to the U. S. Attorney's Office handling routine affairs, that he had never directed SHIMON at any time to make any such confidential assignments and particularly, he had never directed SHIMON to participate in any wire tapping activities. [REDACTED] was most specific in his feelings relative to this and when the gambling inquiry was being conducted by the U. S. Attorney's Office, he was most careful that no wire tap activities took place [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further stated that he is under the impression that SHIMON told him that he had been directed to conduct this confidential inquiry by his superiors at the Metropolitan Police Department; however [REDACTED] stated that

he could not be sure of this statement and quite possibly such was implied by SHIMON rather than actually stated. [redacted] was further of the opinion that quite possibly SHIMON was directed to perform such activity relative to the HUGHES' investigation before BARRETT was appointed Superintendent of the Police Department, which was on July 1, 1947, and if any orders emanated from the Police Department, they quite possibly could have been made by [redacted] b7c

[redacted] reiterated that quite definitely he had, at no time, instructed SHIMON to conduct any investigation relative to HOWARD HUGHES, nor had he ever been requested by any Senator or Congressman or any other persons to make SHIMON available for such an assignment.

[redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, discussed briefly the investigation that [redacted] had conducted in instant matter and advised that his report of instant matter was very complete and he could furnish no other information of value. [redacted] was very cooperative and stated he had been instructed by Major BARRETT to offer all assistance in instant case and to make available any members of the Police Department, who have been previously interviewed by [redacted] and [redacted] during the police investigation. b7c

[redacted] whose residence is [redacted]  
[redacted] telephone number [redacted]

[redacted] stated that he had been in the Police Department for [redacted] years, that during this time he was assigned to work for Lieutenant JOSEPH SHIMON at the U. S. Attorney's Office. [redacted] stated that he had been directed to accompany Lieutenant SHIMON to the Carlton Hotel in the latter part of July 1947, at which place Lieutenant SHIMON met an unidentified man whom [redacted] believed to be with the telephone company. [redacted] could furnish no definite reason for this belief; however, he stated that to the best of his recollection, he was told by SHIMON on previous occasions that this individual was in fact with the telephone company. [redacted] described this individual as follows: b7c

Age	Approximately 36 years
Height	Approximately 5' 8"
Weight	145 lbs.
Hair	Dark

[redacted] stated he had seen this man on previous occasions in Lieutenant SHIMON's office dressed as a workman and he elaborated on this statement to the effect that the man wore a jacket. [redacted] further reported that when this individual was contacted at the Carlton Hotel, he was dressed in a business suit and that when he was first contacted, this man told SHIMON that "everything is O.K.". b7c

\_\_\_\_\_ and SHIMON then reportedly went to a room in the Carlton Hotel on one of the upper floors, the exact number of which \_\_\_\_\_ could not recall, at which place Lieutenant SHIMON removed the cover of the telephone box and showed him two screws on which to attach wires which were in turn attached to a listening headset containing one earphone. \_\_\_\_\_ was also instructed to place a microphone at the bottom of the door to an adjoining room which was in turn connected to an amplifier in a portable radio case. \_\_\_\_\_ described this microphone as being the type used by deaf people as a hearing aid. b7c /D

It was also reported by \_\_\_\_\_ that from general talk around the office two or three weeks before he actually went to the Carlton Hotel, that Lieutenant SHIMON had intimated going to Capitol Hill for a big assignment for "the" Senate investigating committee. \_\_\_\_\_ further reported that the name of HOWARD HUGHES had not been mentioned until he went to the Carlton Hotel, and to the best of his recollection, Lieutenant SHIMON mentioned "HOWARD HUGHES investigation" while en route to the Carlton Hotel. b7c /D

\_\_\_\_\_ stated that after these verbal instructions by SHIMON, he accompanied SHIMON back to SHIMON's office in the U. S. Attorney's Office and that SHIMON directed him to return to the Carlton Hotel at approximately 6:00 p.m. that evening, which he did, and remained there until approximately 11:00 p.m., but because no conversation was overheard, the plant was discontinued at this time. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that he thought the room in the Carlton Hotel was occupied by bodyguards of HOWARD HUGHES. b7c /D

The following morning, Lieutenant SHIMON telephonically instructed \_\_\_\_\_ to return to the Carlton Hotel that afternoon and resume the telephonic surveillance. \_\_\_\_\_ did this and SHIMON arrived at the hotel room shortly after dark. There had been no activity on the wire at this time and upon SHIMON's arrival, he stated that the "advance men" had all moved to a suite at the Mayflower Hotel, that HOWARD HUGHES was expected there, and that he could go home. It should be pointed out at this time that \_\_\_\_\_ advised that in his original statement to the Police Department he had stated that the unknown man believed to be from the telephone company had been in the room on the first night after he, \_\_\_\_\_ and SHIMON had been to the room in the afternoon. \_\_\_\_\_ at this time, stated that to the best of his knowledge, the unknown man had been there when he and SHIMON had first gone to the Carlton Hotel, and that he was quite possibly in error in this regard in his statement to the Police Department. \_\_\_\_\_ further stated that he had received specific instructions from SHIMON to take down all conversations on the phone in longhand as rapidly as possible and at no time, either at the Carlton or the subsequent tap at the Mayflower Hotel, should he use discretion in what information to take down. He was instructed to take everything down possible, to be particularly careful of figures and that there was absolutely no indication from SHIMON's instructions that the purpose of the tap was to locate any individual or individuals, but that it was for general coverage. b7c /D

[redacted] stated that he was instructed shortly after the Carlton Hotel coverage to report activities from a telephone tap at the Mayflower Hotel and that he went to a room in the Mayflower Hotel the next day with Lieutenant SHIMON, at which time SHIMON installed the same apparatus on the telephone box. At this time, however, no microphone was used in the room. He further advised that he personally assisted SHIMON in lowering a microphone in an air duct which they cut open above a room he believed to be occupied by some of HUGHES' representatives. [redacted] continued that while he and SHIMON were installing this microphone in their shirt sleeves, they were observed by a hotel employee whom [redacted] believed to be a watchman, and that this hotel employee remarked that it appeared Lieutenant SHIMON and [redacted] were having difficulty on that particular job, but that this employee did not challenge their actions. b7c/D

After the installation was completed, [redacted] stated that he overheard conversation on a telephone being used by a man named SLACK and a man named DIETRICH (ph) and from the conversations, it was apparent that these two men were employed by HOWARD HUGHES. [redacted] further reported that he also heard one of these individuals telephone Senator FERGUSON or BREWSTER, he cannot recall definitely which name, but did recall that the Senator resided in a hotel, and that after writing up this particular conversation, Lieutenant SHIMON, to whom the report was turned over, remarked laughingly, "He, (or they) will get a kick out of this", and that Lieutenant SHIMON left the room for the alleged purpose of calling someone. It should also be noted that Lieutenant SHIMON asked [redacted] if he had made copies of his reports and as a matter of fact, [redacted] turned over to Lieutenant SHIMON his penciled notations, as well as the typewritten report. b7c/D

[redacted] advised that assisting him in this installation were Officers [redacted] and [redacted] of the Metropolitan Police Department. He further stated that SHIMON was a close-mouthed individual who was very cagey and that he, [redacted] was of the opinion that SHIMON had received orders from officials of either the Metropolitan Police Department or the U. S. Attorney's Office to work on this job. He stated, however, that the longer the job ran, the more of the opinion he was that quite possibly SHIMON was doing this without any official instructions. b7c/D

[redacted] stated that HENRY GRUNEWALD frequently called SHIMON at the U. S. Attorney's Office and that around the time of the HUGHES investigation, the calls from GRUNEWALD to SHIMON were accelerated. [redacted] stated that he became tired and worried about this setup at which time he told SHIMON that he would not work on such an assignment again for him. [redacted] stated that he was at the Mayflower Hotel for approximately a week. [redacted] was very cooperative during the interview. He corroborated generally the information that he had furnished in his original statement to officials of the Metropolitan Police Department. b7c/D

It is believed important to set out that it is the opinion of [redacted] which opinion, however, cannot be substantiated, that SHIMON in fact was working through GRUNEWALD for some airline which was competing against HOWARD HUGHES' airline and it is the further opinion of [redacted] SHIMON was not seeking the whereabouts of any individual but was attempting to gain all information which was given over the telephone by members of the HUGHES party. b7c

[redacted] concluded his interview by again stating that he thought SHIMON was working for GRUNEWALD but "can't pin it on any one thing" and mentioned the "other airline" could be Pan-American, but admitted that this was conjecture on his part.

[redacted] presently attached to the [redacted] Washington Police Department, and who lives at [redacted] advised that he was assigned to work for Lieutenant SHIMON from [redacted] b7c

[redacted] stated that from general conversations with Lieutenant SHIMON he believed SHIMON was doing a job for a Senate investigating committee. He stated that on one occasion SHIMON told him he thought he could have the whole squad assigned to a Senate investigating committee and that they would travel around the country. It was [redacted] opinion that the Police Department and the District Attorney's Office had loaned Lieutenant SHIMON to a Senate investigating committee and he based this opinion on information he had obtained from SHIMON but could not substantiate this on any definite statement. b7c

[redacted] could furnish no additional information other than that set forth in the statement he gave [redacted] and [redacted] in the original Police investigation in August, 1949. [redacted] when questioned relative to the text of the information he took down on the various taps stated he could not remember any of the details and generally took a "don't know nothing attitude." [redacted] was not particularly cooperative and impressed interviewing agents as being friendly with Lieutenant SHIMON and definitely recalcitrant about furnishing any information that could possibly harm SHIMON. b7c

[redacted] telephone [redacted] advised that he had worked for Lieutenant SHIMON [redacted] b7c  
[redacted] instructed him to report to SHIMON for special assignment. [redacted] stated that this assignment dealt with a wire tap at [redacted] and had nothing to do with the HOWARD HUGHES investigation [redacted]

[REDACTED] b7c/b

[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] and was assigned to work for Lieutenant SHIMON [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] when he was instructed by Lieutenant SHIMON that his services were needed for a confidential assignment, which [REDACTED] assumed to be connected with a Senate investigating committee and because he recalled a telephone call to Lieutenant SHIMON from HENRY GRUNEWALD, who was known to Lieutenant SHIMON and the others at the office as "Dutchman," when GRUNEWALD asked for SHIMON and left word that he, GRUNEWALD, could be reached at Senator BRIDGES' office. [REDACTED] stated that he recognized GRUNEWALD'S voice as GRUNEWALD called Lieutenant SHIMON many times after and during the time the telephone tap was installed at the Mayflower Hotel.

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[REDACTED] stated that he had also sat on the telephone tap in the Carlton Hotel next to HUGHES' "advanced agents" until they were ordered to move the equipment to the Mayflower Hotel to cover [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] employed by HOWARD HUGHES.

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[REDACTED] stated that he and the others covered telephone activities on the Mayflower telephone line from approximately 9:30 or 10:00 a.m. until midnight and that he did not believe anyone except [REDACTED] Lieutenant SHIMON and [REDACTED] went in the hotel room with the possible exception of the hotel housekeeper.

It was also reported by [REDACTED] that he thought WILLIAM NOLAN, who was in partnership with Lieutenant SHIMON in the used car business, possibly knew about the Mayflower Hotel setup as Mr. NOLAN and Lieutenant SHIMON were inseparable during that period of time.

[REDACTED] stated that his instructions from Lieutenant SHIMON concerning listening to the telephone tap was to "get the meat of all conversations" and it was his understanding to obtain all possible information concerning the "TWA Airline". [REDACTED] further reported that he was instructed to never leave the tap until he was relieved, except when they departed the hotel at midnight.

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[REDACTED] stated that sometime in July of 1949 he received information which lead him to believe that the investigation conducted by Lieutenant SHIMON

was not official and that he had talked to WILLIAM NOLAN about this matter. [REDACTED] in turn had contacted DANNY MAHER, attorney, formerly connected with the Corporation Counsel's Office in the District of Columbia. [REDACTED] further reported that Mr. NOLAN remarked that Lieutenant SHIMON received no less than \$1,000.00 for each telephone tap that he had installed.

It was also reported by [REDACTED] that Lieutenant SHIMON told the other policeman that they were working on the HOWARD HUGHES case and that he had registered at the Mayflower Hotel as JACK DIAMOND, of Roanoke, Virginia, and that as a matter of fact [REDACTED] had paid the hotel bill for Lieutenant SHIMON on one occasion with cash furnished by SHIMON, approximate amount of \$135.00 which [REDACTED] thought was a bill for one week. [REDACTED] further stated that a couple of days after they had withdrawn their equipment from the Mayflower Hotel, a stranger came into Lieutenant SHIMON'S office in the District Court House Building, conversing privately with Lieutenant SHIMON. Immediately after the stranger left Lieutenant SHIMON'S office, SHIMON walked out in the office where [REDACTED] was sitting, very deliberately took a thousand dollar bill out of his pocket, placed it on the table in front of [REDACTED] and then put it in his, SHIMON'S, wallet in full view of [REDACTED] however, [REDACTED] said nothing at this time. [REDACTED] described this individual as being 5'6" to 7", 140 pounds, well dressed, professional appearance, between 35 and 40 years of age, clean shaven, and stated that he had never seen this individual before. [REDACTED] stated that he knows HENRY GRUNEWALD and that this individual was not GRUNEWALD.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It was also reported by [REDACTED] he did not think Lieutenant SHIMON was working for a Senate investigating committee but that he thought the Pan-American Airline through HENRY GRUNEWALD were using SHIMON and his employees. [REDACTED] could not furnish any definite information on which to base his opinion but stated that during the time that the telephone tap was installed at the Mayflower Hotel that he had driven Lieutenant SHIMON past the Munsey Trust Building in which building he knew that GRUNEWALD had an office.

[REDACTED] further reported that he thought Mr. CORISH, Credit Manager of the Mayflower Hotel, knew that SHIMON was in the hotel.



[REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] advised that he was not working for Lieutenant SHIMON during the alleged wire tap concerning HOWARD HUGHES but that he has been instructed to report to Lieutenant SHIMON on a special detail with [REDACTED] concerning the reported activities of one [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that he had heard some hearsay talk about wire taps and Lieutenant SHIMON but that he could offer nothing specific but that he did know that Lieutenant SHIMON was friendly with WILLIAM NOLAN and HENRY GRUNEWALD. He stated that he thought HENRY GRUNEWALD had become acquainted with Lieutenant SHIMON sometime in 1945 when he had contacted the United States Attorney's office and was referred to Lieutenant SHIMON concerning an investigation relative to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] further stated that he was under the impression that SHIMON had in the past performed some duties for different Senatorial and Congressional committees, however, he could offer no direct evidence concerning his belief.

[REDACTED] was interviewed at [REDACTED] June 24, 1950, after being telephonically contacted by Special Agent in Charge GUY HOTTEL.

[REDACTED] and that JOE SHIMON had told him that he was checking on HOWARD HUGHES at the Mayflower and Carlton Hotels in the middle of 1947. [REDACTED] showed a very obvious dislike for the subject and from reported conversations with SHIMON drew a conclusion that SHIMON was working for some Senate investigating committee and that it was his opinion JOE SHIMON was on Capitol Hill is HENRY GRUNEWALD.

[REDACTED] stated that SHIMON has advised him in the past that [REDACTED] in wire tapping [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] According to [REDACTED] SHIMON in discussing wire tapping has mentioned "Justice DOUGLAS' opinion regarding wire tapping and divulging information to hurt someone else." (An opinion of Justice DOUGLAS' could not be located but former Attorney General ROBERT H. JACKSON, in a letter dated March 19, 1941, to the Chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, states: "There is no Federal statute that prohibits or punishes wire tapping alone. The only offense under the present law is to 'intercept any communication and divulge or publish' the same.")

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that Lieutenant SHIMON did not say whom he was working for but that it was his belief that SHIMON was working for or through HENRY GRUNEWALD, whom [REDACTED] described as "the brains or go-between with the Hill." b7d

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On June 26, 1950, Special Agent [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] Mayflower Hotel, and was advised that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has in his possession photostatic copy of registration card #613510 for  
JOSEPH W. DIMOND, Roanoke, Virginia, who registered July 30, 1947, and who checked  
out on August 11, 1947. The registration card reflects that rooms 733 and 734  
were occupied at a rate of \$16 per day. First ledger account #254907 and last  
ledger account #275238 reflect payments were made on August 8, 1947, in the sum  
of \$160 and on August 11, 1947, in the sum of \$32 making a total sum of \$192. b7c

[REDACTED] stated [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Washington Police  
Department, spent several days examining recordak films in order to locate the  
foregoing records. It was also reported that Mr. SLACK and Mr. DIETRICH, connected  
with the HOWARD HUGHES Company, had occupied adjoining rooms to room 734 occupied  
by the subject.

[redacted] Washington Police Department, was telephonically contacted at [redacted] where [redacted] to ascertain if the Washington Police Department had been formally requested by any Senate Investigating Committee or Congressional source for the services of Lieutenant SHIMON. [redacted] advised that he had received a letter of commendation from Senator STYLES BRIDGES commending the work of Lieutenant SHIMON for services performed. [redacted] was unable to furnish the date of this letter; however, in his opinion, it was in the latter part of 1947. At this time, [redacted] stated this letter and other Congressional correspondence relative to SHIMON was available at the Police Department [redacted] and as he would return early Monday morning, June 26, 1950, he would cooperate fully with the Bureau in making these available. He further stated he at no time ordered SHIMON or any other member [redacted] to conduct any investigation relative to HOWARD HUGHES.

On Monday morning, June 26, 1950, a conference was held in [redacted] office by Agents [redacted] of the Metropolitan Police Department, [redacted] Metropolitan Police Department, and [redacted]. At this time, [redacted] reiterated his previous statement that at no time, particularly in 1947, had he received any request from Senators BREWSTER, FERGUSON, or any other Senators or members of Congress to assign SHIMON or any other police officers on any assignment dealing with the HOWARD HUGHES investigation. It should be pointed out here, however, that [redacted] it is possible that either Major CALLAHAN, who was Superintendent of Police until his death in June, 1947, or the acting superintendent during CALLAHAN'S sickness, [redacted] might have received such instructions. [redacted] stated SHIMON was assigned to the United States Attorney's office by [redacted] the late HARVEY CALLAHAN. He further advised he had never received any request for anyone to work on the HUGHES case or related subjects.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[REDACTED]  
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[REDACTED] stated that he had no idea who assigned SIMON to this particular duty; however, he definitely stated that not only did he have no knowledge of this assignment, but he could furnish no information as to who made the assignment.

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[REDACTED] contains three newspaper clippings: 37D

- "(1) January 25, 1937. Detective (Joseph Shimon) acclaimed for gun theft break, Times Herald.
- "(2) September 13, 1940. Evening Star: D. C. Agency Set Up to Aid Victims Fearing Police Publicity. Sergeant Shimon named head of Curran's New Bureau. Assignment to D.A.'s Office.
- "(3) September 8, 1949. Washington Daily News: Barrett Says Stolen Dope Led to Probe of Shimon. A quantity of missing narcotics believed stolen by a notorious dope bandit touched off the Police Department investigation of Lieutenant Joseph Shimon, ace detective assigned to the District Attorney's staff here for the past ten years, Police Chief Robert Barrett revealed today. He said a small amount of opium and several ampules containing another drug were found in Lieutenant Shimon's desk in the D.A.'s Office when police searched it last month. The narcotics were similar to drugs stolen by Henry Raymond "Big Boy" Milton, killed by police a year ago when they ambushed him in a "K" Street drug store. Chief Barrett indicated in the investigation of Lieutenant Shimon, taken out of the D. A.'s Office and transferred to the 14th Precinct 'sticks' last month is now complete. He said he did not know what charges, if any, would result from the probe, but indicated that the case might involve negligence in turning over evidence.



"He made no comment on reports wire-tapping might be involved in the Shimon probe, but said he turned over a long report to U. S. Attorney George Morris Fay, Lieutenant Shimon's boss for the past ten years.

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Subject was interviewed at No. 2 Precinct on the night of June 26, 1950, and the morning of June 27, 1950. The purpose of the interview was explained to SHIMON and he was requested to furnish full information in his possession relative to the alleged investigation by him regarding HOWARD HUGHES and his party during 1947 while they were in Washington, D. C. SHIMON furnished the following story:

Subject stated that someone in authority whom he could not remember instructed him to contact Senator OWEN BREWSTER. Lieutenant SHIMON stated that he believed that it was either Mr. FAY, the United States Attorney, or possibly one of the District of Columbia Commissioners, in all probability, RUSSELL YOUNG. SHIMON was thoroughly questioned relative to this phase of the investigation and he was very indefinite and vague; however, always stated that he was sure he had official sanction for his work.

✓ SHIMON stated he contacted Senator BREWSTER who pointed out a "little old man" who had reportedly been following Senator BREWSTER, and Senator BREWSTER instructed SHIMON to find out the identity of this individual. The identity of this man and his activity concerning Senator BREWSTER was the alleged purpose of SHIMON'S investigation at that time. SHIMON stated that this was the only reason for his activities at this time. SHIMON stated that he recognized the individual who had been following Senator BREWSTER as an associate of one CHICK LAPPIN, who, according to SHIMON, is a well-known "con man" in Washington, D. C. SHIMON continued that LAPPIN has been mixed up in shady deals around the District of Columbia for many years, and to the best of his recollection, was involved in some way with GASTON MEANS at the time that MEANS swindled Mrs. EVELYN WALSH McLEAN.

✓ Upon further questioning, SHIMON advised that he could not recall the name of LAPPIN'S associate; however, knew it well and would advise the interviewing Agents when his recollection became more clear regarding the man. It was further reported by SHIMON that the unknown man went to the Mayflower Hotel while under surveillance, and as an investigative technique, SHIMON installed a telephone tap on the individuals connected with HOWARD HUGHES, as in SHIMON'S words: "LAPPIN was trying to cut in on the HUGHES crowd" and it was very apparent from a physical surveillance conducted by SHIMON that LAPPIN and the unknown man were contacting members of the HUGHES entourage.

SHIMON stated that because of the activities of LAPPIN and his associates, it was necessary for him to use the policemen assigned to the case, and as these men were reportedly new with regard to monitoring wire, SHIMON instructed them to take down everything they heard as he did not have a recording machine, and he did not trust them to sift out the pertinent material that would link LAPPIN and his associates with the purported BREWSTER surveillance. SHIMON emphatically stated that he told his men to be particularly alert for any investigation regarding "CHICK", and as a matter of fact, showed them a photograph of LAPPIN and his associate.

Lieutenant SHIMON stated that he used the telephone tap only two or three hours a day, and that he actually conducted the physical surveillance on LAPPIN which many times reportedly went to Capitol Hill.

Lieutenant SHIMON stated that he does all of his own wire work and has been doing wire tapping for the Police Department for approximately fifteen years in an official capacity. SHIMON categorically denied receiving any money other than expenses for this assignment, and advised that he had spent a sum of money for expenses, and that his expense account was submitted by him to a woman in Senator BREWSTER's office. He believes that this woman was at that time Senator BREWSTER's secretary, and to the best of his recollection, her name was Miss or Mrs. DUKIN (phonetic). SHIMON continued that he received payment for his expenses from Senator BREWSTER's office, but that as a matter of fact, Senator BREWSTER was out of town when he advised Miss or Mrs. DUKIN that he was discontinuing the investigation as he considered the same "petty". Lieutenant SHIMON stated that he did not believe Senator BREWSTER would remember him on this particular assignment as Senator BREWSTER was extremely busy at the time he pointed out the man he wanted SHIMON to investigate, and that SHIMON has not seen Senator BREWSTER since that initial contact which was a conversation lasting only approximately five minutes.

When questioned relative to the planting of a microphone in an air duct in the Mayflower Hotel, which information had previously been furnished by [REDACTED] SHIMON considered such an operation as [REDACTED] as a joke. He advised that he had never planted any microphone in an air duct in the Mayflower Hotel, nor had he used a microphone for this job. He stated that the setup of the job was such that a microphone was not necessary, and that the idea of any microphone picking up conversations at 700 feet was ridiculous. He commented that he had had several people call him attempting to get such a microphone that would pick up conversations at 700 feet. With further regard to the Mayflower Hotel, SHIMON stated that he definitely knows through experience and observation that particularly during the war, practically every wire in the Mayflower Hotel had been tapped, and in fact, taps had been used so often that the wiring system of the Mayflower Hotel was in a very "freaked" condition. SHIMON continued that apparently the Army and Navy Intelligence units, and other police agencies frequently used taps at the Mayflower Hotel.

[REDACTED] When questioned relative to the letter of commendation in his file dated September 29, 1947, from Senator STILEN BRIDGES, SHIMON stated that that letter had absolutely nothing to do with the instant wire tap and it was purely coincidental that he received the letter around the time of the [REDACTED] investigation. He would not elaborate on the reason for the SHIMON letter of commendation.

SHIMON was specifically questioned as to whether or not BREWSTER knew that he, SHIMON, was using a wire tap to get information concerning the men he allegedly was telling BREWSTER, and SHIMON stated that BREWSTER knew nothing of the wire tap, and that he, SHIMON, in fact was not in the habit of telling anybody how he gained information.

Lieutenant SHIMON emphatically stated that [REDACTED] who was referred to as "The Dutchman" knew nothing of his activities as Senator BREWSTER, and SHIMON passed off the reference to [REDACTED] as quite a joke. SHIMON was questioned extensively relative to the possible implication of GRUNSWALD in the HOWARD HUGHES matter, and he flatly denied that GRUNSWALD either contacted him relative to [REDACTED] or that he had discussed it in any manner with GRUNSWALD.

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SHIMON was advised by interviewing Agents that the Bureau was not interested in this or other phases of his trouble with the Police Department with the exception of the HOWARD HUGHES investigation.

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When questioned relative to the registration at the Mayflow Hotel, SHIMON readily admitted registering under the name of BLANCK, stating that on such an assignment he would certainly not use his own name which could be checked by the people whom he was investigating, namely LAPIN and the unknown man previously mentioned who reportedly knew SHIMON.

Lieutenant SHIMON stated that he would not furnish any of this information in a signed statement and that he is represented by Attorney WILLIAM POWERS MALONEY.

was interviewed by Special Agent

He was unable to elaborate



on who this other individual might be.

[redacted] advised that on July 17, 1947, Suite 548-550 at the Carlton Hotel was assigned to a Mr. SLACK and a Mr. DIETRICH. [redacted] stated that he knows these individuals to be connected in some way with HOWARD HUGHES. It was further ascertained [redacted] that Room 546 is immediately adjacent to Suite 548-550 and that there are connecting doors between 546 and the above-mentioned suite. b7D

[redacted] stated apparently SHIMON had made arrangements through [redacted] to secure a room next to the suite occupied by SLACK and DIETRICH. b7C

Continued efforts to locate [redacted] at his residence, [redacted]

[redacted] have met with negative results, as he is reportedly out of town and individuals contacted do not know of his present location. b7C

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[redacted] in his interview mentioned that thought SHIMON was in contact with an individual [redacted] thought was employed by the telephone company. The telephone company is not being contacted in an effort to identify this individual as SAC HOTTEL is of the opinion that to contact the telephone company in this regard would place that company in an embarrassing position.

No investigation is being conducted at the Mayflower Hotel to identify the hotel employee whom [redacted] believed to be a watchman as all individuals concerned have admitted that a telephone tap was utilized at the Mayflower Hotel. 37c

Two copies of this report are being furnished to the Richmond Division for possible future reference. In view of the expediency of this investigation, contact was made directly with the Resident Agency at Alexandria, Virginia.

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THE WASHINGTON FIELD DIVISION:

At Washington, D. C.:

Will continue efforts to locate and interview [redacted]  
for all information he may have concerning the activities of subject  
and if [redacted] ever approached subject for anyone to have a  
telephone tap installed [redacted] maintains residence at [redacted]

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TO : MR. LADD  
 FROM : A. ROSEN *DR*  
 SUBJECT: LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON

DATE: July 13, 1950

Under date of July 10, 1950, there has been received a memorandum from the Attorney General requesting further investigation concerning Lieutenant Joseph W. Shimon.

It is recalled that an investigation was conducted of Lieutenant Shimon at the request of the Attorney General for the purpose of determining who hired him to tap the telephones of Howard Hughes on behalf of the War Investigating Committee of the Senate, by whom he was paid to do this, and to whom he turned over the results of his wire tapping. The investigation was completed and reports were forwarded to the Attorney General. The last report submitted was under date of June 30, 1950. Under the circumstances it was felt the Bureau should get the results of the investigation over to the Attorney General as soon as possible in order that the Department might specifically request any further investigation in this matter. This objective has now been accomplished and the memorandum just received requests specific investigation.

It is pointed out that the original investigation was confined solely to the activities of Shimon in connection with Howard Hughes and to his tap at the Carlton and Mayflower Hotels. This was in accordance with the request of the Attorney General.

It is further pointed out that many other leads are suggested on the basis of the Bureau's report into the general wire tapping activities

It is also pointed out that every lead set forth by the Attorney General in his memorandum was carefully considered and it was determined that it was not desirable from the Bureau's point of view to cover these leads without any specific authority to do so.

It is further noted that the investigative report reflects that Senators Bridges and Brewster might logically be interviewed for their knowledge of Shimon's activities inasmuch as both Senators Bridges and Brewster apparently employed Shimon during the pertinent period.

The Attorney General in his memorandum of July 10th requested further investigation. It is not requested that either Senators Bridges or Brewster be interviewed. The specific investigation which was considered by the Bureau but was not deemed desirable to conduct in the absence of specific instructions from the Department will now be conducted in view of their request.

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The WFO is being instructed to conduct the investigation set forth in the

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memorandum from the Department dated July 10th in the most expeditious manner possible, assigning only experienced and mature agents.

The WFO is also being instructed to advise those persons interviewed that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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FILE NO. 62-536

REPORT MADE AT <b>WASHINGTON, D. C.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>7/27/50</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7/25, 26/50</b>	REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]
TITLE <b>LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, was., Joseph Shimonsky, Joseph Shimon Matsansak WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED] SHIMON'S assistant during pertinent period, advises he might have dictated reports regarding HOWARD HUGHES' coverage to [REDACTED] then stenographer in Office of United States Attorney. [REDACTED] also SHIMON'S assistant in 1947, states he did own typing of reports and denies dictating reports to [REDACTED]. Both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] state two or three file cabinets maintained in SHIMON'S office. United States Attorney GEORGE MORRIS FAY states records and files of SHIMON'S work maintained under control of his assistant, JOSEPH GILLESPIE. Files located and examination negative regarding HUGHES' coverage by SHIMON. [REDACTED] states definitely that SHIMON and [REDACTED] dictated confidential reports regarding HUGHES to her in July and August, 1947, and believes [REDACTED] also dictated reports, however, cannot definitely recall.

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**DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.**

This is a joint investigation conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED] and reporting Agent.

The following investigation was conducted to determine the disposition of records and material reportedly left by subject at his desk at the United States Attorney's Office.

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[redacted] stated that he could have dictated from his notes to [redacted] stenographer in the United States Attorney's Office regarding his coverage on the HOWARD HUGHES matter but that he cannot definitely remember doing so. [redacted] stated he did not know what disposition subject made of the reports that he made in this matter but that there were in SHIMON's office at least two file cabinets which contained material concerning the work performed by subject and assigned to him.

[redacted] advised that he did not dictate concerning the HOWARD HUGHES matter to any stenographer, as he did his own typing. [redacted] also advised that at least two file cabinets were maintained in SHIMON's office. b7c

United States Attorney GEORGE MORRIS FAY advised that records and files of SHIMON's were maintained some place in his office space, the exact location of which he did not know, but that this material would be under the direct supervision of JOSEPH GILLESPIE. Mr. FAY stated that Mr. GILLESPIE was out of the city on annual leave and suggested that [redacted] GILLESPIE's assistant, be contacted in this regard. b7c

[redacted] advised that he did not know the location of the files mentioned above but suggested that [redacted] Chief Clerk, be contacted.

[redacted] pointed out two four-drawer wooden file cabinets and one file drawer of material which she stated had been transferred from subject's office to the Chief Clerk's Office, of the United States Attorney's Office. An examination of this material failed to reveal any information concerning the reported coverage by subject and his subordinates on the HOWARD HUGHES matter, nor was any reference noted in the files to the names HUGHES, [redacted] Senator BREWSTER, Senator FERGUSON, or [redacted] b7c

[redacted] Secretary to Mr. FAY, stated that in July and August, 1947, SHIMON and [redacted] definitely dictated confidential reports regarding the HOWARD HUGHES matter to her. She stated she recalls the date well due to the fact that she was first employed in the United States Attorney's Office in the middle of [redacted] and was assigned to the Chief Clerk's Office as a stenographer. [redacted] could not remember any specific information. b7c



dictated by SHIMON or [redacted] except that she did recall the name HOWARD HUGHES and in part at least to his activities. [redacted] stated that she thought [redacted] had also dictated reports to her but stated that she could not definitely state this.

[redacted] also reported that subject instructed her that the dictation was very confidential and that she should transcribe her notes in an isolated section of the United States Attorney's Office where she would be unobserved and that she should return to him her stenographic notes, which she did. Subject specifically instructed [redacted] not to discuss her work with other employees. She had originally been instructed to take dictation from subject by Mr. JOSEPH GILLESPIE and had been told by Mr. GILLESPIE that the assignment was confidential. b7c

It was also reported by [redacted] that when she typed the dictation received from subject it was placed on legal size bond paper with two copies double-spaced and that she never saw this work after delivering the same to subject and did not know what disposition was made of same. [redacted] further advised that on each sheet of her typewritten copies she affixed the initials of the dictator and her own. The material typed by her was not addressed to anyone.

It is noted that Mr. JOSEPH GILLESPIE, Chief Clerk, United States Attorney's Office, was contacted twice previously and as late as July 24, 1950, and specifically asked if he recalled any notes, note books, or other file material being left by subject in his office. Mr. GILLESPIE did not mention the fact that the file cabinets containing subject's work, which had been removed from his office, were available in the Chief Clerk's Office of the United States Attorney's Office under Mr. GILLESPIE's supervision.

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[redacted] advised that he has now retained Attorney [redacted] concerning his position in this matter and [redacted] instructed him not to say anything to anyone. [redacted] answered questions put to him as reported and appeared to be cooperative but reluctant to furnish any additional information.

[redacted] reiterated his belief that all of his typewritten notes were turned over to [redacted] by SHIMON. It should also be noted that [redacted] is laboring under the misapprehension that FAY was not United States Attorney during pertinent period in 1947 and that the United States Attorney in fact was the now Judge EDWARD CURRAN. It was pointed out to [redacted] that FAY was appointed United States Attorney in January of 1947, and [redacted] challenged this statement and stated that he was going to check records to prove that CURRAN was the United States Attorney.

REFERENCE:

Report of SA [redacted] dated July 21, 1950,  
at Washington, D.C.  
Washington Field Office letters to the Bureau,  
dated July 24 and July 25, 1950.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. ROSEN

DATE: August 2, 1950

FROM : E. E. Tamm

SUBJECT: LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, was.  
WASHINGTON Police Department  
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Miss Gandy	

WASHINGTON TIMES-HERALD, 8/3/50, by ESTELLE HAINES stating the FBI discovered evidence that the telephone of Senator LUCAS (D.Ill.) in the Senate Office Building had been tapped. This article was read to Messrs. L. B. NICHOLS and J. J. MCGUIRE and they were advised LUCAS' name did not appear in the captioned case. The news article is attached.

By memorandum dated August 2, 1950, Assistant Attorney General James M. McInerney requested investigation at [redacted] of [redacted] to ascertain the whereabouts of [redacted] at 10 p.m. today. SA [redacted] of the New York Office advised that six Agents are covering these leads, two at each of the following places:

1. [redacted]
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted]

The attempts to locate [redacted] have been unsuccessful to date. N.Y. will promptly advise the Bureau of developments.

ADDENDUM KKH:WV 8/3/50: ASAC Stein advised at 9:05 a.m. that efforts to locate [redacted] had been unsuccessful. [redacted] was at [redacted] but [redacted] apparently was not there. Stein has the identity of the license plates and the description of [redacted] cars. He is continuing to cover these three places until further notice.

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# Lucas' Phone Tapped; Probe Set by Senate

Li. Shimon Expected To Figure in Quiz

By ESTELLE GARNER

Prompted by information that Majority Leader Lucas' telephone has been tapped recently, the Senate District committee yesterday unanimously authorized a full-scale investigation into all wiretapping in Washington.

Sen. Pepper (D) of Florida, who offered the resolution to probe alleged wiretapping by members of the Metropolitan police and federal agencies, was named chairman of the special subcommittee to conduct the investigation.

## Lucas Backs Probe

He said a meeting would probably be held tomorrow afternoon to organize work of the subcommittee, which is empowered to subpoena records and witnesses and take testimony under oath.

Lucas, who denied he knew the FBI had discovered evidence six weeks ago that his telephone in the Senate office building had been tapped, indicated his support of the investigation. He admitted, however, he had asked the FBI to check his telephones.

The investigation was reliably reported to have the approval of the Democratic policy committee. One of its major objectives will be to determine whether published reports are true that Metropolitan Police Lt. Joseph Shimon and his subordinates tapped the phones of Edward Hughes here in 1947 when the latter was under investigation for a spy contracts probe.

## Examined Telephones

The Hughes inquiry was conducted by the Senate war investigating committee, headed by Sen. Brewster (R) of Maine. Sen. Farwell (R) of Michigan was chairman of the subcommittee which questioned Hughes. Both have steadfastly denied using the Metropolitan police to tap Hughes' phones in the Carlton hotel.

Brewster said yesterday that in the best of his knowledge he had met Shimon only twice. In 1947, during the Hughes inquiry, he noticed that a man was talking into a telephone and mentioned his "shad-

# Sen. Lucas' Phone Tapped; District-Wide Probe Ordered

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ow" in a conversation with another senator, Brewster said.

Brewster said the other Senator said he would report it. Whether he reported it to the police, Brewster said he did not know.

Soon afterward, Brewster said, Shimon called at his office and examined his telephones to see if they were tapped. Later Shimon paid him a second call, Brewster declared, and showed him a rogues gallery picture of his "shadow," reportedly a New Yorker with a police record. Brewster said at no time did he suspect or have any indication that Hughes' phones were tapped.

Brewster said he had noticed a man hanging around his office and following him in a car for an indefinite period of a week to three weeks. He said he was never troubled by the "shadow" because his efforts to spy were "so clumsy." He added that once while the man was following him in an automobile Brewster's car stopped suddenly for a red light while the man's car went on through it.

## These on Subcommittee

Brewster said he considered the Senate District investigation a "most excellent idea."

"Perhaps it will dispose of rumors by getting at the facts," he declared.

The subcommittee is composed of Senate District Chairman Neely of W. Va., Kefauver (D) of Tennessee, Hendrickson (R) of New Jersey and Darby (R) of Kansas. Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R) of Maine was originally named to the subcommittee but withdrew in favor of Hendrickson.

From an unimpeachable source, it was learned that the FBI found telephone trunk lines 1125-1254-5 had been tapped and the senator was led to believe his conversations had been listened to.

The Pepper resolution was amended to include the federal agencies and to encompass all wiretapping in the District at the suggestion of Sen. Williams (D) of Del.

In presenting the resolution,

Pepper declared he had "been hearing rumors that members of the metropolitan police have been guilty, sometimes in private cases and sometimes in public cases of listening in on phones in the nation's capital."

## One Still on Force

One of these policemen is still on the force, Pepper said.

"If a United States citizen can't come to the Capital, engage a hotel room and hold a conversation without the police listening in, surely he's not enjoying the security a citizen has a right to expect," Pepper asserted.

Both Neely and Pepper told the committee that "a very prominent member of the Senate" had recently discovered that his telephone wires had been tapped. They refused to divulge the name of the senator.

In September 1949, Maj. Barrett, superintendent of District police, reported and sent to the Justice department what has now become known as the "Shimon wiretapping report." Various stories have been in circulation to the effect the report declared Hughes' telephones were tapped by members of the metropolitan police working with the Senate war investigating committee.

## Transferred to "Sticks"

At the same time, former chief investigator for the U. S. district attorney's office, had been transferred to the "sticks"—the Fourteenth Precinct.

His transfer coincided with newspaper stories declaring that the divorce of a prominent Washington society couple was obtained by evidence gathered by a member of the Metropolitan police.

The stories said the wife's telephone had been tapped, leading to her discovery in compromising circumstances with a Latin American ambassador. The ambassador's vigorous protests to the State department were the necessary factor behind the Justice department's wiretapping report.

On the Senate side, Rep. Thomas

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WILLIAM HERALD  
Washington, D. C.  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1950

(D) of Texas, a member of the House District crime committee, has recently had his phone checked by law enforcement officials to find out whether any were being tapped.

## Look on New York

He was said to believe that any have been tapped because of the "look" on his New York City to investigate Hyman in Federal crime subcommittee committee.

In New York, Federal District Judge Fishback was said to have association with the group whom he represented in court.

Teague denied that he had ever suspected Fishback of tapping his telephone.

In 1948, Fishback's name was tapped by the New York police department, records of the Senate commerce committee said. At that time Fishback was counsel for a client named J. Lee Bush.

## Two Shimon

The District crime committee was organized by Sen. Williams and Sen. Neely. It was a finance committee.

Robert J. Farwell, a former aide of Police Commissioner E. J. Connelley, was seen after the Senate war investigating committee report.

WILLIAM HERALD  
WASHINGTON EDITORIAL  
Date 8-3-50

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd *SL*  
 FROM : Mr. Rosen *R*  
 SUBJECT: LIEUTENANT JOSEPH W. SHIMON, was.,  
 WASHINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 MISCELLANEOUS

DATE: July 27, 1950

PURPOSE:

To advise you that information appearing in Drew Pearson's column for July 27, 1950 concerning Lieutenant Shimon's wire tapping activities may have been "leaked" to him by the Department from our reports.

BACKGROUND:

It will be recalled that the Attorney General on June 21, 1950 indicated that about a year ago the Department had received a "wire tapping" report indicating that Lieutenant Shimon of the Washington Police Department and others had allegedly tapped the telephones of Howard Hughes on behalf of the War Investigating Committee of the Senate and that he desired the Bureau to conduct an investigation of this matter. The Attorney General indicated that he desired a check to determine who hired Shimon and others engaged in the wire tapping, by whom he was paid and to whom he turned over the results of the wire tapping.

Investigation was conducted along the lines suggested by the Attorney General and reports reflecting the results were furnished to him.

RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION:

Our investigation established that Shimon contacted Senator Brewster (R - Maine) of the War Investigation Committee in 1947 during the time of the Hughes investigation and was employed by the Senator supposedly to ascertain the identity of "a little old man" who had allegedly been following Senator Brewster. Shimon at the time was assigned to the USA's Office, District of Columbia and he admitted that he installed telephone taps on persons connected with Howard Hughes but claimed he did this as part of an investigation to determine the identity of the person who had supposedly been following Senator Brewster.

STATEMENTS APPEARING IN PEARSON'S COLUMN, July 27, 1950 and FACTS FURNISHED IN REPORTS TO DEPARTMENT:Statements:

"The most interesting thing the FBI has turned up (is) a statement made to a G-Man by Lieutenant Shimon that Senator Brewster's secretary paid him for his wire tapping."

Facts:

When Shimon was interviewed by Agents on June 26, 1950 he was specifically questioned about whether he had been paid for the assignment for Senator Brewster.

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Shimon denied that he had received any compensation for the work he did for Senator Brewster but admitted that he had incurred expenses and that he had submitted an expense account for these expenses to Senator Brewster's secretary and that she had paid him for these expenses. [redacted] secretary to Senator Brewster advised that she paid Shimon approximately \$100 in cash to reimburse him for expenses incurred, for work performed for Senator Brewster. b7c

Statement:

"A close friend of Brewster's, William Power Maloney, has been retained as defense counsel for Lieutenant Shimon."

Facts:

Our investigation has not disclosed that Maloney has been retained by Shimon and no other information concerning this is available in our files.

Statement:

"Upon Shimon's testimony depends whether or not Senator Brewster becomes involved in a criminal proceeding. So far, Shimon has stuck to a very careful story. He admits tapping Howard Hughes' phone but he does not admit giving any information about the wire tapping to the Senator. This is aimed to let Brewster off the hook."

Facts:

Shimon admitted to Agents that he had telephone taps installed on individuals connected with Howard Hughes, such taps being placed at the Mayflower and Carlton Hotels. He denied that Brewster knew that he, Shimon, was using a wire tap to gain information concerning the person who was supposedly following Senator Brewster and stated specifically that Brewster knew nothing of the wire tapping. Shimon said that he was not in the habit of telling anybody how he gained information. He said he had only contacted Senator Brewster one time and had a conversation lasting about five minutes and that Senator Brewster was out of town when he advised [redacted] Brewster's secretary, that he was discontinuing the investigation as he considered it "petty." b7c

As to whether Senator Brewster's involvement depends on Shimon's testimony it was pointed out that this probably refers to the matter of divulging information obtained from a wire tap as one of the elements of a criminal violation.

Statement:

"The Senator from Maine, in turn, has figured out an interesting excuse for his association with the police lieutenant. Friends were worried over threats of physical violence, he says, so Shimon was hired to protect him."

Facts:

Lieutenant Shimon has stated that when he contacted Senator Brewster the Senator pointed out that a "little old man" had reportedly been following him and Brewster requested Shimon to ascertain his identity. Shimon stated that he recognized the person as an associate of one [redacted] who, according to Shimon, is reportedly [redacted] b7c

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✓ known as a "con man." Shimon claimed [redacted] was trying to cut in on the Hughes crowd and because of their activities he conducted the investigation which involved the tapping of the wires of persons connected with Hughes. The "little old man" referred to has not been identified [redacted] interviewed and stated he could not identify any of his associates who would fit the description of the "little old man" who was allegedly following Senator Brewster. [redacted] denied any connection with the incident and stated he knew nothing about anyone's following Senator Brewster. b7c

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

[redacted] to USA Fay, has volunteered the information that Lieutenant Shimon and Detective James G. Bryant, who was assigned to Shimon at the time the telephone taps were made in 1947, dictated confidential reports regarding the Howard Hughes matter to her in 1947. She transcribed this dictation and delivered it, together with her stenographic notes, to Lieutenant Shimon. She does not know what disposition was made of this material. A report reflecting an investigation concerning this has been prepared and is being forwarded to the Department today. b7c  
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**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**



claims he was out of town most of summer of 1947, particularly July and August. States he recalls name [REDACTED] however, claims he does not know him. Denies categorically any activities whatsoever at any time regarding Senator BREWSTER, HOWARD HUGHES, and in fact, states that he was not in Mayflower Hotel during pertinent period.

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**DETAILS:**

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

*1-11-50*  
and the writer.

This is a joint investigation of Special Agent [REDACTED]

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